

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 16 of the specification, please amend the abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

~~An anatomically designed absorbent article for protection against anal soiling in adults is~~  
~~an anal region pantyliner, with~~ has ~~an~~ impervious outer layer, an absorbent middle layer, and a  
~~porous inner liquid-permeable bodymost~~ layer. It is preferably held in place against the an  
undergarment by removable adhesive. ~~It is specifically designed to absorb~~ absorbs ~~anal leakage~~  
~~and is of a unique design to fit the~~ fits both male and female ~~anatomy as well as the female.~~ A  
unique feature of this product ~~is its shape, which one embodiment is a pear-like shape in outline,~~  
~~with the~~ having a wide area covering the buttocks and the a narrow part extending forward  
between the legs, terminating ~~-It terminates short of the genital area, so it is to be~~ as comfortable  
for both ~~males as for and~~ females. An alternate female version continues forward to cover the  
vaginal or urethral region. The preferred embodiment is thicker in the crotch area, having an  
absorbent pad situated retro-scrotally along the center and an additional inter-buttock absorbent  
ridge. An alternate embodiment ~~is thicker in the crotch area to absorb more exudate, having~~ has  
an absorbent dam situated retro-scrotally. Another alternate embodiment is flat, being of  
uniform thickness.